

Jack and Peter

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FADE IN:

INT. LOCKER ROOM-DAY

JACKHAMMER JACK, a male stereotypical American wrestler from the 80's, laces up his boots before a match.

JACK
It's showtime!

CUT TO.

MONTAGE OF JACK'S LIFE

During the montage the song "You Shook Me All Night Long" by the band AC/DC plays in the background.

--Jackhammer Jack is celebrating a championship win in a sold out sports area.

--Jack is being hounded by fans for autographs after a match.

--Jack is in a hotel room with a bunch of beautiful women.

--Jack is doing cocaine on the hotel room table.

--Jack is in the office of the owner of the wrestling promotion he works for and is handed a pink slip.

--Jack is sleeping on park bench when SUE BROWN, a 20-something young woman, walks over and taps Jack on the shoulder. Jack wakes up and sees Sue. Sue hands Jack a sandwich. Jack smiles.

--Jack and Sue are soon in a relationship. Jack and Sue are arguing with each other.

--Jack is with other women at a bar as Sue has a positive pregnancy test in her hand. After she sees Jack with other women, she puts the positive pregnancy test back in her purse.

--Jack and Sue leave the bar at separate times. Sue alone and Jack with the other women.

CUT TO.

INT. DOCTOR'S OFFICE-DAY

Jack is being looked at by a doctor and Jack holds his stomach in pain.

DOCTOR

Jack, if you keep up this lifestyle, your body will pay the price.

JACK

Doc, I feel fine. I'm not going to die.

DOCTOR

Your drug addiction will kill you one day, Jack. I suggest you go to rehab and don't make get the courts involved.

JACK

How can you get the courts involved?

The doctor reaches into Jack's pocket and pulls out a bag of cocaine. Jack moans in pain.

CUT TO.

INT. BEDROOM-DAY

PETER BROWN, a 20-something thin nerdy male, is on his computer looking for wrestling action figures on eBay.

Peter's bedroom is filled with wrestling themed collectables, posters and merchandise. In the background, a TV with a wrestling match on the screen is seen.

The shelf in Peter's room is filled with wrestler action figures. One specific action figure, a Jackhammer Jack action figure, starts to shake in place a bit and starts to walk on the shelf.

JACK (V.O.)

Oh man, what happened last night? That was some party and all that blow. Man, that hippie lady talking reincarnation was hot. I still am unsure of the concept of resurrection this chick was telling me about, but she was so sexy.

Jackhammer Jack falls off the shelf onto the floor which gets the attention of Peter. Peter walks over to put his Jackhammer Jack action figure back on the shelf. Jackhammer Jack fidgets in Peter's hand.

JACK

Who the hell are you, buddy?

Peter screams and drops the Jackhammer Jack action figure. The Jackhammer Jack action figure gets up and starts to walk towards Peter.

PETER

You talked!

JACK

No shit I can talk. Answer the damn question, where am I and who are you?

Peter is cowering in fear next to his bed as Jack walks closer to him.

PETER

My name is Peter Brown. This is my bedroom. And how the hell are you talking right now?

JACK

Of course I can talk, I'm....

Jackhammer Jack looks at himself in the mirror on Peter's closet door and realizes that's he's in his own action figure. Jack screams and looks at his hands.

JACK

I'm a toy! How did this happen to me?

PETER

Actually you're a Jackhammer Jack action figure from BWC Classics Series 8.

JACK

Classics? Kid, do you know what happened to Jackhammer Jack?

Peter picks up a wrestling magazine from his nightstand and slides it across the floor towards Jack. On the cover is a picture of Jackhammer Jack and the text reads "Jackhammer Jack: 1962-2020". Jack falls to the ground after he sees the magazine and Peter walks over to pick him up. Peter places Jack on his nightstand.

JACK

I died? But how am I alive now?

PETER

You died of a drug overdose two days ago. Are you saying you're the real Jackhammer Jack?

JACK

You're god damn right, I'm Jackhammer Jack. But why am I a toy and in your bedroom?

PETER

How in the hell is this happening right now. This is crazy.

JACK

Kid, I don't know how this crap happened to me either, but I don't want to be a toy forever.

PETER

What can I do about it?

JACK

Do something kid!

Peter opens a drawer and pulls out a bible.

PETER

Since we're dealing with stuff pertaining to the afterlife, maybe the bible can help us figure out why you're inside my action figure.

JACK

Oh god, are you going to perform an exorcism or something on me?

Peter opens the bible and starts reading it. Jack tries to adjust to his action figure body.

PETER

I remember from my Sunday school days that if you are in limbo, you must atone for something bad you did in life before you can move on to the afterlife.

JACK

What?

PETER

Did you upset anyone in your life? Like, do you need to apologize to them?

JACK

Pete, I pissed off a lot of people in life. We may need to narrow it down some.

PETER

Well, did you ever have a girlfriend or a wife?

JACK

There was this one girl named Sue that I feel I may have betrayed. I regret ever leaving her and hurting her.

PETER

Do you think Sue might be the one you need to ask for forgiveness?

JACK

Yes, I think she is the one, but I would not know where to find her.

PETER

Maybe I can help? I can do a Google search.

JACK

Yes, please do it!

Peter heads over to his computer. Jack sighs and he sees a photo on Peter's nightstand of Peter and his mother. Peter looks back to see Jack walk over towards the picture and watches as Jack places his hand on it. Jack rubs Peter's mother's face.

PETER

Jackhammer Jack? Why are you doing that? That's my Mom?

JACK

Mom!

PETER

Yeah. That is my mom, Sue Brown.

JACK

Sue Brown? Stop Googling and get back over here now! We need to talk.

SFX: Knocking

Peter's bedroom door is shut and Jack's leans back against the picture as Peter panics.

SUE (O.S.)
Peter, are you still looking at
wrestling toys on the internet?

PETER
Um, wrapping it up, Mom. I'll be
down for dinner in a moment.

Peter picks up Jack as SUE BROWN, a 50-something thin woman, enters the room. Sue opens Peter's closet to grab the laundry basket. Sue sees in Peter's hand the Jackhammer Jack action figure and looks disgusted.

SUE
Why did you buy that? He's a jerk?

JACK
You think I'm a jerk?

Sue screams as Peter tries to calm her down while holding Jack in his hand.

SUE
It talked!

JACK
Yeah Sue, it's me Jack. I'm
somehow stuck in this toy. So we
need to talk now.

SUE
I am so confused right now. Why
is your action figure talking?

PETER
Mom, let me get you up to speed.
A couple days ago the wrestler,
Jackhammer Jack died. Some weird
shit is going on and his soul
seems to be stuck in my action
figure.

JACK
It is me, Sue! You may be the key
to getting me out of this toy.

SUE
Look, after what you did to me, I
don't want you around our son
okay!

Peter looks at Jack and drops him. Then Peter sits back down at his desk. Jack slowly gets up, looks at Peter, then looks at Sue.

PETER

Jackhammer Jack is my Dad?

Sue nods her head yes as Peter sighs and Jackhammer Jack walks over towards Peter.

PETER

How come I never knew this? I understand now why you called my Dad a deadbeat, but, for real? This is why you hate wrestling so much, Mom?

SUE

Pretty much.

JACK

Please Sue, I need to get into heaven.

SUE

How do you know you won't go to Hell?

JACK

Making it real hard to make peace with you, Sue.

Peter picks up Jack as Sue sets the laundry basket down.

JACK

You raised a good kid, Sue. A lot better than I would have done.

PETER

I'm so mad at both of you right now!

SUE

Likewise.

JACK

I understand this is a lot to sink in. Hell, I regret leaving your mother.

SUE

I never really wanted you to be around our son.

JACK

You didn't tell me I had a son.

SUE

Because I didn't want my son to
end up like you.

JACK

A successful professional
wrestler?

SUE

No, an egotistical deadbeat with a
drug problem.

Jack and Sue start arguing with each other as Peter shakes
in place.

PETER

Mom, we need to think about this.
Is Jack worth being forgiven.
Also, you both should apologize to
me.

JACK

Look, I don't want to be immortal,
okay. And most of all stuck inside
a god damn action figure.

SUE

Get him out of my house Peter!
Right now!

PETER

Mom, can I at least talk to my
father, because I never had one
until now?

SUE

I'll give you a half hour to talk
to your Dad and then you'll
discover why I left him.

Sue exits as Peter sets Jack down on his bed. Peter crosses
his arms in anger.

PETER

So, I meet my hero for the first
time, find out he's an asshole AND
my father. Explain to me, in this
half hour, why I should forgive
you?

Jack tries to walk, but he can't on Peter's bed. Jack falls to
the floor and loses an arm.

Peter picks him up and starts to repair Jack's arm by putting
it back into Jack's action figure shoulder socket.

JACK

I am so sorry Peter, but I never knew you existed in the first place.

PETER

Maybe my mom was thinking it would be best for me to not know you.

JACK

Your mother was right. I'm no good. Maybe this is my punishment.

PETER

Or this is your second chance.

Sue reenters the room and she picks up Jack. Sue walks over to the window and is about to throw Jack outside.

Peter jumps up from his bed and shuts the window before Sue can throw Jack outside.

PETER

What the hell!?! I know you hate him, but the figure cost me \$50.

SUE

The half hour is up. And he needs to go.

Jack escapes from Sue's hand and drops to the ground. Jack's arm falls off again and Peter sighs.

PETER

I just fixed that.

JACK

This is all my fault.

SUE

Pretty much. Peter, put your toys away and come down for dinner.

PETER

Mind if I bring a dinner guest?

INT. DINING ROOM-NIGHT

Peter and Sue are eating dinner while Jack sits in the middle.

PETER

Mom, I can't believe you kept the fact secret that the guy whom I idolize is actually my father.

SUE

Peter, I was trying to protect you. Jack's behavior was too unpredictable and I did not want to raise my child that way. He would have been constantly disappointing you like he disappointed me.

JACK

Peter, listen to your mom. She is right. Please forgive her.

Peter excuses himself and picks up Jack. Peter exits with Sue following behind him.

INT. BEDROOM-NIGHT

Peter brings Jack back up to his bedroom and starts sobbing. Jack sighs and tries to comfort Peter, but he won't have it.

Sue walks in and see Peter crying. Sue sheds a little tear herself.

Peter and Sue embrace each other as Sue sings a soothing song to comfort Peter. Jack joins in on the song.

After they stop singing the song. Jack starts to think to himself.

SFX: Wrestling Bell Rings.

Jack grins and starts to poke Peter.

JACK

Let's wrestle.

Jack attacks Peter. Jack and Peter are wrestling each other as Sue laughs in the background.

Peter pins Jack with one hand and Sue does a three count. Sue raises Peter's hand in victory as Jack gets up.

Peter hugs Jack and Sue joins in on that hug.

Suddenly, a bright light shines and when it fades back to normal, Peter fidgets with the Jackhammer Jack action figure only it is stiff again. Peter throws the Jackhammer Jack action figure onto his bed and hugs Sue again. The Jackhammer Jack action figure lays on Peter's bed lifeless with a twinkle in his eye.

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